

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One



The Second Sunday
of Advent

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Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Words

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie for Advent

Steffey

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Prayer of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

(In unison) **Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

(to be read responsively by whole verse)

1 You have been gracious to your land,
 O LORD, you have restored the good
 fortune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your
 people and blotted out all their
 sins.

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is
 saying, for he is speaking peace to his
 faithful people and to those who turn
 their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those
who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have
kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down
from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for
his feet

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Song

Prepare the way, O Zion

Hymn 65

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

Rev. Susan Hartzell

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the
Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped
and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Reader 1: As we await the coming of Jesus, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation. (A brief silence)

Life-giving God, equip thy church to share the good news of thy Son our savior. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we for The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain and The Rt Revd. Carlos López-Lozano their bishop. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the parishes of Santa Maria in Falls Church, Immanuel, Old Church in Mechanicsville and St. Paul's in West Point. We pray for our Bishops, clergy and people. Put your word within us that we might go forth to proclaim and live thy love in the world. Hear us, O God.

Thy mercy is great

Reader 2: Sustain thy creation, holy God. Give us wisdom and compassion to care for all that thou have created. Hear us, O God.

Thy mercy is great

Reader 3: Grow peace within us, abundant God. Raise up leaders in every community grounded in thy justice and mercy. We pray for Donald, our President and Ralph our Governor, and all in authority, that they may promote the dignity and well-being of all people. Grant them wisdom and compassion to serve as thou would have them serve. Hear us, O God.

Thy mercy is great

Reader 4: Comfort all who hurt, life-giving God. Fill the hungry with good things. Lift up the lowly. Accompany the refugee. Console the lonely and those who live with depression, grief or heartache this time of year. Be present with those stricken with COVID-19, their families and healthcare workers, and all who are afraid. Tend the caregivers and heal the sick, especially...**Maeve, Carol, Jeffery, John, Paula, Lisa, Chuck, Naomi, Cynthia, Lonnie, Hilda, Stephan, Mark, Rob, Bill, Desiree, Karen, David, Stephanie, Jack, Bruce, and Bob.** Send us in haste to share thy love with them. Hear us, O God.

Thy mercy is great

Reader 5: Increase our joy, wondrous God. Open our hearts that we might make ready to receive thy gift of the Christ child coming among us. Hear us, O God

Thy mercy is great.

Reader 6: We thank thee, gracious God, for the blessings of this life We pray for those celebrating birthdays; especially: **Sam Lakin, Susan Stockwell, Kristen Rumrill** and those celebrating anniversaries; especially... Are there others?

Hear us. O God

Thy mercy is great

Reader 7: In thanksgiving, we remember all who have died and now rest in thy glory, remembering especially: Let us also pray for those who have given their lives in service to our country..**Captain Kelliann Leli** We remember with gratitude those who have died in the faith of Christ and those whose faith is known unto thou alone.

Eternal God, into thy hands we commend them.

Concluding Collect

Receive our prayers, faithful God, as we watch and wait for your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant & People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Declaration of Absolution

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Today we offer a Celebration of Spiritual Communion. During this time when we cannot be physically together to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord, Spiritual Communion draws us together in the liturgy and allows us to express our desire to be united spiritually with Jesus through Holy Communion. We pray this act of prayer and meditation opens us to God's grace and blessing, trusting that Christ is truly present in our very desire to receive him, here.

Eucharistic Prayer I

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant:

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious same; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant:

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy

gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves

our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Celebrant and people: **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting
in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much
as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is
always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son
Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their
desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them
from actually receiving Holy Communion. All are invited to receive a spiritual communion.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant & People: **O God, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and,
since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts.**

We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our heart, our soul, and our mind. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. *Amen.*

Excerpted from St. Augustine's Prayer Book

A moment of silence for prayer and meditation.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*The People stand*)

Celebrant and People:

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Advent Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Dismissal

Celebrant: Our worship has ended; our service to the world begins.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude



December 6, 2020 Announcements & Events

Please go to weekly E-news for links and more information.

Sunday Coffee Hour Zoom @ 11 AM – Virtual fellowship hour can “see” each other, check in, share our news and support one another!

Advent Adult Forum Sunday at Noon - Exploring the Stories of Jesus' Conception and Birth -

Blue Advent Service is tonight @ 7:30 on Zoom.

In-gathering Sunday is December 13th! Kindly consider turning in your pledge so that we may bless them all to the glory of God and God’s work in this faith community. Thank you!

Angel Tree – Collection of gift cards for those in need this season. **Now thru December 11th** . See E-news or contact the office at spwmain@gmail.com or (703)503-9210

Working remotely

The best way to contact us is through email at spwmain@gmail.com We will continue to monitor voicemail. Our [website](#) will have the most up to date information.

****Praying in Community by Phone**** Anchored in Christ through prayer, please join Rev. Guimond and Rev. Susan for a weekly teleconference to pray together every Tuesday Morning for 12 minutes from 9:00 am to 9:12 am.

Please dial this number: 971-224-6601 And the access code is: 662648

Thursday Morning Formation @ 8 AM

Our next Thursday @ 8 am series will begin with a discussion of [Living Buddha, Living Christ](#), by *Thich Nhat Hanh*.

Carols and Compline with the choir - December 17th 7:30 PM

Lessons and Carols - December 20th @ 10 AM

Outdoor Christmas Eve Service - December 24th @ 4:30 PM

Christmas Day Online Prayer Service - December 25th @ 10 AM

Diocesan Wide Worship – Lessons and Carols – December 27th